



# Memorandum

**TO:** MAYOR REED

**FROM:** Councilmember Sam Liccardo  
Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio  
Councilmember Forrest Williams  
Councilmember Nancy Pyle

**SUBJECT:** BUDGET DOCUMENT

**DATE:** May 19, 2008

Approved

Date 5-19-08

*Sam Liccardo*  
*Nancy Pyle* *Forrest Williams*

## RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted:

Provide funding for the completion of 40 data collection and studies for priority traffic calming requests identified by a Council District office within the 2008-09 fiscal year.

## BACKGROUND

### City-Council Initiated Neighborhood Improvement Reserve Fund/Other Budget Proposals

Program/Project Title:	<u>Neighborhood Traffic Calming Studies</u>
Amount of City Funding Required:	<u>\$200,000</u>
Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.):	<u>Council Initiated Neighborhood Improvement Fund</u> <u>Agency Board Special Improvement Fund</u>

### Anticipated Outcomes:

Traffic calming is a common request from residents and an important tool for improving quality of life. It is a way to manage traffic so that its negative impacts on residents, pedestrians and schools are minimized. Traffic calming solutions can range from the installation of a crosswalk to the installation of traffic islands to slow or restrict traffic movements.

Once a traffic calming request is submitted to the Department of Transportation (DOT), the department begins a study to determine if a traffic calming measure is warranted and if so the best implementation option. With appropriate resources, most basic traffic studies can be completed and implemented within a few months. Examples would be red curb painting near a crosswalk, posting of truck restrictions, or painting of traffic markings on the pavement. Some solutions require more in depth analysis because they can result in loss of parking, stronger enforcement measures or redirecting traffic onto other roadways. However, the

volume of requests for traffic calming, either basic or in depth, have grown so that there is a backlog of requests.

Funding basic traffic calming studies would alleviate backlog and allow DOT engineers the resources to focus on the more complex studies and their appropriate solutions.

This request would have immediate impact on the quality of life for San Jose residents by creating safe and attractive streets; promoting pedestrian, cycle and transit use, reducing the need for police enforcement and enhancing the street environment (e.g., street scaping).

### **Funding Source**

Program/Project Title: Neighborhood Traffic Calming Studies

Amount of City Funding Change: One Time - \$200,000

Fund Type:  
Council Initiated Neighborhood Improvement Fund (\$100,000)  
Agency Board Special Improvement Fund (\$100,000)

Department or Organization: Department of Transportation, City Council and Mayor

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This change is:

X One-time

The City Service Area to which the change best relates:

- ☐ Community and Economic Development Services
- ☐ Environmental and Utility Services
- X Neighborhood Services
- X Public Safety
- X Transportation and Aviation Services
- ☐ Strategic Support